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TWO CENTS.

FUNSTON GETTING HIS ARMY READY

Will Be Ready in Two or Three Days to Start a Force of 5,000 Men into Mexico to Get Villa and His Bandits Dead or Alive—Many Offers from Volunteers Who Want to Fight

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, March 11.—Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston announced today that while he will have direction of military affairs along the Mexican border the expedition into Mexico to capture Francisco Villa will be in charge of a brigadier general. Gen. Funston said the name of the commanding officer would be given out at Washington.

The full aero squadron stationed here will be despatched with the expedition. Organization of the expedition will not be completed for two or three days, Gen. Funston said, as troops from other army divisions than the southern will be added to the border forces, going direct to the border.

It is believed that a force of 5,000 men will cross the border to get Villa and his followers dead or alive. It is thought that Villa has a force of 3,000 men who will be able to make a desperate resistance in the mountainous regions.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Instructions conveying full authority to Gen. Funston to despatch a defensive expedition into Mexico in pursuit of Villa and his bandits are today in Gen. Funston's hands.

Secretary of War Baker announced that full discretion as to the number of men to be used and the route to be followed has been left with Gen. Funston.

Secretary Baker specifically referred to the expedition as "defensive," in line with the administration's policy of regarding its action as one to repel invasion.

No American troops had crossed the border this morning so far as the war department was advised. Many despatches were received from Gen. Funston, informing the department as to the disposition he

First Baptist Church

Rev. George E. Tomkinson, Minister.
Sunday, March 12.



10.30 a. m.—Subject, A Working Salvation.
11.45 a. m.—Bible school.
3.45 p. m.—Junior Christian Endeavor.
7.30 p. m.—Subject, Armenian Atrocities. Alexander hymns. Dugan's orchestra, chorus choir.

Centre Congregational Church

Sunday Services.
10.30 a. m.—Sermon by Rev. Frederick Lynch, D. D., of New York.
11.45 a. m.—Sunday school.
3.30 p. m.—Junior Endeavor meeting.
7.00 p. m.—Christian Endeavor meeting.

There will be a sleighride to Putney next Tuesday, teams leaving the Centre church house at 4.30 p. m. The expense of the ride, chicken-pie supper in the Congregational church there and entertainment in the town hall will be \$1. Names of those wishing to go should be left with Mrs. E. C. Crosby or Mrs. C. H. Thompson as early as possible.

Unitarian Church

Unitarian Literature Free.
Leaflets describing the Unitarian belief may be obtained on application to Mrs. James M. Adams, 7 Cedar St.

VILLA TOLD ABOUT PLANS

Scheme Was to Provoke United States to Invade Mexican Territory

GERMANY AND JAPAN WOULD INTERFERE

This Was View Expressed to His Men Who Were Told to Wipe Out Columbus—American Woman with Bandits Nine Days.

EL PASO, Texas, March 11.—Mrs. Maude Hauke Wright, the American woman who rode nine days with the Villa troops preceding the raid on Columbus, New Mexico, was here today awaiting the arrival of her baby, which was taken from her and given to a Mexican family at their home near Pearson, Mexico.

Her husband was killed by the bandits. Mrs. Wright said Villa often discussed plans for the raid on Columbus with his officers and told them how he would wipe out the town of Columbus and then when the United States tried to invade the Mexican territory Germany and Japan would step in to interfere.

REV. DR. LYNCH TO BE HERE TOMORROW

Widely-Known Editor and Lecturer of New York City Will Preach in Centre Congregational Church.

The preacher in the Centre Congregational church tomorrow morning will be Rev. Frederick Lynch, D. D., of New York city. Rev. Dr. Lynch is editor-in-chief of the Christian work, a widely-known religious publication, and is secretary of the Church Peace union. He is prominent in the denomination, a man of great enthusiasm, forceful in his preaching and of striking personality. He is a favorite wherever he goes, whether in the pulpit or on the lecture platform. His subject here will be, "What Makes a Nation Great?"

Rev. Dr. Lynch will be accompanied by his secretary, Miss Violet Reynolds, who also is editor of the children's page in The Christian Work and is a daughter of Mrs. A. D. Reynolds of Brattleboro. They will be guests of Mrs. Reynolds over Sunday.

PURSE, BANK AND CAR BOOK MISSING

Woman Went Into March's Bakery to Fix Skirt, Which She Said Was Coming Off—Police on Hunt.

A woman asked permission in March's bakery this noon to be allowed to retire from observation in order that she might fix her skirt, which she said was about to fall off. She was directed by Miss Pearl McGee to a closet.

Later when Miss McGee entered the closet she discovered that her purse and her dime bank, which was nearly full, and a book of car tickets taken from the coat of Hal L. March, the proprietor, were missing.

The matter was reported to Police Chief George Wilson, who was investigating this afternoon. The woman said that she came from West Chesterfield, N. H., but this statement was doubted by those in the store. The police have an accurate description of her.

HOWARD CHARLES HARRIS, Former West Brattleboro Man Dies in Home in Ashland, Mass.

Howard Charles Harris, 76, a native of West Brattleboro, died in his home in Ashland, Mass., Thursday after an illness of a week with a stomach trouble. The funeral will be held tomorrow in Ashland, where the burial will take place.

Mr. Harris was born in West Brattleboro, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris. He served in the Civil war as a member of the Second Vermont regiment and was wounded. He had lived in Hopkinton, Mass., and Ashland, Mass., for many years and had been employed much of the time in a shoeshop.

He leaves, besides his wife, two sons and four daughters. They are Mrs. Henry Hogan of Hopkinton, Mass., Mattie Draper of Orange, Mass., Miss Ada Harris, Owen and Albert Harris and another married daughter. He leaves also three brothers, George H. Harris of 40 Main street, Brattleboro, Hardy C. Harris of Monrovia, Cal., and Harvey Harris of West Brattleboro, and one sister, Mrs. Amelia Pratt of Cooleyville, Mass. He leaves several half-brothers and a half-sister.

CABINET CRISIS IMMINENT.

Advocates of Coalition Government Make Trouble in Italy.
LONDON, March 11.—A Milan despatch to the Daily Mail says that a cabinet crisis is believed to be imminent in Italy owing to the advocates of a coalition government for representation in the cabinet.

RECORD SHOOTING WILL BEGIN SOON

Company I to Compete for Prizes in Gallery Practice—Vaccine for Regiments Band Arrives.

All of the meat cans, spoons and forks of Company I, V. N. G., have been re-tinned and put in first-class condition.

Capt. E. W. Gibson received this morning the vaccine for the typhoid treatment of the members of the First Regiment band. It is understood that every member of the band is expected to take this treatment.

The company will begin soon the record shooting in gallery practice for the four prizes that are open for competition. The Johnson cup goes to the enlisted man getting the highest average among those who have never been prize winners before. The Ashley cup goes to the company of the third battalion making the highest score.

The Barber cup is awarded to the enlisted men making the second highest aggregate score and the Officers' cup will be awarded to the member of Company I making the highest score in gallery practice.

In April the company will begin competition for the trophies offered by the National Rifle association. The militia members of Vermont are members of this association.

General Orders just issued announce the promotion of Lieut. W. R. Eastman of St. Albans to a captaincy in the quartermaster's corps. He will have charge of all matters of railroad transportation for the Vermont National National Guard.

ESTEE EMPLOYEES THANK HENRY FORD

Committee Sends Letter of Acknowledgment for Checks Received from Automobile Manufacturer.

The employees of the Estey Organ company, in a meeting held yesterday afternoon to take action on the receipt of personal checks from Henry Ford, the automobile manufacturer, appointed a committee to draft and forward at once a letter of appreciation and acknowledgment of Mr. Ford's substantial appreciation of the efforts of the employees of the company to build the finest organ possible for his new home.

Village Commissioner Solon A. Richmond presided at the meeting, and on his suggestion a committee was appointed to draft and sign the letter as the committee of the employees. This committee is composed of Carl Hollander, C. S. Rider and H. F. C. Todd. The letter was written and mailed yesterday afternoon.

Supt. William E. Haskell of the pipe organ department, told of how Mr. Ford, during their association, impressed him as a "man man." He told of how he had him through a part of his big factories and of seeing him speak to his employees and call them by their given names and of how he was on terms of comradeship with all of them.

Three cheers were given for Mr. Ford, followed by three more for Mr. Haskell and three for Frank R. Braser, general superintendent of the Estey plant.

TWENTY-EIGHT YEARS SINCE BIG BLIZZARD

Heavy Snowfall This Week Recalled Time When Brattleboro Was Buried and Traffic Stopped.

Brattleboro 28 years ago tomorrow, March 12, was buried to the eyebrows in the greatest snowfall on record. Tomorrow is the anniversary of what is known as "The Blizzard."

Traffic, business and practically all communication was suspended. This was not only for one day, but it was a week before the streets were dug out sufficiently to permit normal traffic. There were drifts from six to 20 feet in height and during the storm the high land travel on foot almost an impossibility.

The storm Wednesday, when 11 1/4 inches of snow fell in a few hours, coming as it did within a few days of the anniversary, recalled to many the strenuous days of 28 years ago and resulted in the hauling from the archives of memories stories of the hardships of those days and from the album pictures of the Brattleboro streets.

SMOKE WAS DECEIVING.

Settled Down Over House on Bullock Street Corner—Truck Called.

Smoke apparently issuing from the house recently built by E. S. Hall at the corner of Bullock and Green streets caused a telephone message to be sent to the fire station last evening. When the combination motor truck and the fire sleigh drew up at the house, appearances indicated a warm time. The house is untenanted and was locked. The firemen broke a window on the piazza and found that the cause of the smoke was a roaring hot fire in the furnace. The smoke settled down over the roof and gave the appearance of issuing from the house. The motor truck, in spite of the hard going, was able to make Green street hill.

AFTER-VACATION THOUGHTS.

I wish I was a little rock
A' settin' on a hill;
A' join' nothin' all day long
But just a' settin' still.
I wouldn't eat, I wouldn't drink,
I wouldn't even wash,
I'd set and set a thousand years
And rest myself, by gosh.

VERDUN DRIVE LACKS FORCE

German Attacks Now Directed Against Small Sections of the Front

FIERCE FIGHTING NEAR FORTS AT VAUX

Germans Claim to Have Advanced Their Positions Near Rheims—Russian Battleships in the Black Sea Bombed by Seaplanes.

The second great effort in the Verdun drive apparently is nearing its close. The latest German attacks have been directed at comparatively small sections of the front east and west of the Meuse.

Military opinion in France is that the battle is at an end.

In Paris it is believed the diminishing intensity of the German attacks is influenced by the heavy losses the assailant is said to have sustained. But Berlin despatches report that it is believed there that the German losses have been limited to relatively a few thousand.

The German admiralty announced that on Thursday German seaplanes bombarded a squadron of one Russian battleship and five destroyers as well as several merchant ships in the Black sea off the Bulgarian coast. It is said the destroyers were struck.

PARIS, March 11.—There is still violent fighting for the possession of the forts at Vaux, according to the announcement of the French war office this afternoon. The Germans have made progress along the slope leading to this position, but they have not yet reached the barbed wire entanglements in front of the fort. Another despatch says the Germans held some houses in the eastern part of the village of Vaux, while the French are still in possession of the western part of the town.

BERLIN, March 11, via London.—Capture of French positions 1,400 yards wide and about two-thirds of a mile deep near Rheims was announced today by the war office.

WINFIELD S. SCHUSTER DIED IN EAST DOUGLAS

Former Member of Governor's Council and Candidate for Republican Convention.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 11.—Winfield S. Schuster, a member of the governor's council from the seventh district in 1911 and 1912 and a candidate for election as a delegate to the coming national Republican convention from the fourth congressional district, died today at his home in East Douglas after an illness of two weeks. He was born in Pittsfield in 1856, but went to East Douglas in 1881.

He rose to be superintendent of the mill and later became its proprietor. He had been one of the most prominent Republicans in central Massachusetts.

ROAD MAINTENANCE. Commissioners and Selectmen of County to Discuss Subject March 28.

The annual meeting of the road commissioners and selectmen for Windham county will be held in Festival hall, Brattleboro, Tuesday, March 28, at 10.30 o'clock in the forenoon and at 1.30 o'clock in the afternoon.

The statutes require the attendance, and provide for the per diem and expense charges of the road commissioners and selectmen.

The question of maintenance of our roads, will be given full and careful consideration in the meeting. All can learn something from each other as to the best methods to be adopted.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone to attend the meetings and to participate in the discussions.

CABINET HAS RESIGNED.

National Defense Government to Be Formed in Portugal.

LISBON, March 11, via Paris.—The Portuguese cabinet has resigned to give place to a national defense government which is now being formed.

In parliament yesterday the retiring foreign minister read the notes exchanged between Germany and Portugal and also a note from Great Britain requesting the Portuguese government, in view of the alliance between these nations, to seize German ships in Portuguese ports. Tranquility prevails throughout the country.

THE WEATHER

Fair and Colder Tonight—Sunday Fair—Moderate Winds.
WASHINGTON, March 11.—The weather forecast: Fair and colder tonight. Sunday fair. Moderate north-west winds becoming variable.

RECORDS OF COWS IN FEBRUARY TEST

About the Usual Number Giving 40 Pounds Butterfat—Not as Many Starters for Coming Year.

Ralph V. Gibson, tester for the Port Dummer Cow Testing association, writes:

I find after going over the reports for the month of February about the usual number of cows giving over 40 pounds of butterfat, although this end of the association hasn't quite as many members to start this year we hope to have a few more before the year is out. Following are the class of cows we are all proud to keep, as they show up on the right side of the ledger, the profit column:

Milk	Test	Butterfat
900	5.7	51.3
769	5.3	40.8
1,006	5.2	52.3
814	6.0	48.8
964	5.8	55.9
793	5.4	42.8
799	5.9	47.1
823	4.9	40.3
793	5.3	42.0
784	5.5	43.1
1,077	4.6	49.5
930	5.3	49.3
882	4.7	46.2
806	4.6	46.9
823	5.7	46.9
714	5.6	40.0
964	5.4	52.1

C. S. Tenney, Northfield, Mass.

Milk	Test	Butterfat
689	6.1	42.0
1,006	5.6	56.3
839	5.0	41.9
784	5.1	40.0
790	5.6	44.2
897	5.2	46.6
1,019	4.6	49.7
940	5.5	52.2
921	4.9	45.1
848	4.7	40.0
766	5.4	41.4
607	6.7	40.7
952	4.8	45.7

Bradley Estate, Brattleboro.

Milk	Test	Butterfat
625	6.5	40.6
781	5.2	40.6
689	5.9	49.7
1,208	4.1	49.7
839	4.8	40.3

Scott Farm, Brattleboro.

Milk	Test	Butterfat
833	5.3	44.1
1,360	4.7	63.9

W. J. Weatherhead, South Vernon.

Milk	Test	Butterfat
827	4.0	40.5

RALPH V. GIBSON, Tester.

BRATTLEBORO BOY WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

Stanley Howe Distinguishes Himself in Hamilton, Bermuda—Best All-Round Man.

Stanley Howe, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Howe of Harris place, won the fancy diving championship (amateur) of Bermuda at a meet which was held at the swimming pool of the Princess hotel, Hamilton, Bermuda, Thursday, March 2, when Stanley Howe was in the winning crew in all the canoe races which were held in the harbor during the afternoon, and besides this was a member of the team which won the relay swimming race of 100 yards. A prize was offered for the best all-round man of the afternoon and this also went to Stanley Howe. He is at present on the staff of the Bermuda Colonist and Daily News, being chief reporter for that paper.

The governor and staff were present, also 500 Americans and residents. The regimental band furnished music.

E. H. AKLEY FARM SOLD.

Purchasers Ernest G. Miller of This Town and E. W. F. Dyer of Putney.

Ernest G. Miller, clerk in H. P. Wellman & Co.'s clothing store, and E. W. F. Dyer of Putney, a real estate dealer, bought the E. H. Akley farm in Vernon yesterday afternoon for an investment. This farm comprises 200 acres of which 150 is tillage and 50 pasture, although 20 acres of the pasture is suitable for tillage. It is one of the best known farms in this section. Since the death of Mr. Akley the farm has been carried on by his son, Harold E. Akley. Mrs. E. H. Akley and daughter, Inez, are now residents of Brattleboro.

AMBASSADORS INFORMED.

Told Fully About the Plans of U. S. to Enter Mexico.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—The ambassadors from Chile and Brazil, who took part in the Pan-American concert which resulted in the resignation of Gen. Carranza, called on Secretary Lansing today to inquire about the action of the United States. They were informed fully and made no comment. There was no indication of a disposition to do more than gather information.

DENIED NEW TRIAL.

Judge Stearns Gives Decision Against Negroes in Mohr Case.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., March 9.—Judge Stearns in superior court today denied the motion for a new trial entered in behalf of Cecil Victor Brown and Henry H. Spellman, Negroes, convicted of the murder of Dr. C. F. Mohr on Aug. 31, 1915. Exceptions were noted to the ruling.

AMERICANS WERE RESCUED

Four Were Seamen on Board Norwegian Bark Torpedoed Near Havre

VESSEL ATTACKED WITHOUT WARNING

The Loss of the Silius Was First Reported Last Night from London—Three Members of the Crew Reported Lost.

WASHINGTON, March 11.—Consul Osborne at Havre reported today that when the Norwegian bark Silius, from New York to Havre, was torpedoed without warning in Havre roads on the night of March 9 seven Americans aboard were rescued. The loss of the Silius was first reported last night from London. Three members of the crew were reported lost.

State department officials seemed inclined to view the attack on the Silius as a serious affair. The department will take immediate steps to get positive information.

So far despatches to the state department have simply said the vessel was torpedoed without warning. No mention was made of the nationality of the submarine.

NEW YORK, March 11.—There were only four Americans aboard the Silius, which was torpedoed without warning near Havre, according to the agent of the line here, and they were members of the crew. She carried no passengers. The Americans were David Sherman of Bedford, Mass., John Warman of Philadelphia, Mass., Daniel Norah of Connecticut and Henry Monahan of Boston.

FORMER PASTOR OF BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Frank E. Tower Dies in Providence—Occupied Pulpit Here from June, 1883, to November, 1886.

Rev. Frank E. Tower, D. D., who was pastor of the First Baptist church of Brattleboro from June, 1883, to November, 1886, died in his home in Providence, R. I., Feb. 13 after a brief illness. Rev. Dr. Tower succeeded the late Rev. Dr. George B. Gow as pastor of the Brattleboro church. He made a special effort to reach the young people, and with good results. He is well remembered by many present and former residents of this town.

The Watchman-Examiner, a Baptist publication, says in reporting his death: "For a number of years Dr. Tower was secretary and agent of a New York law enforcement league, with headquarters at Albany. Failing health compelled him to relinquish this work about a year ago. His ability and success in the capacity named elicited the appreciation of a large constituency. He was pastor of churches in Rhode Island, Connecticut and elsewhere, an author of reputation and a leader of wide experience and keen discrimination. He had many acquaintances and friends. He is survived by his wife and several children. He was nearly 80 years of age."

THREE PETITIONS FOR DIVORCE FILED

All Petitioners Brattleboro Residents. Edwin Harris, Louise Caine and Pearl M. Jilson.

Three divorce entries were made yesterday afternoon in county court, all from the office of Gibson & Daley. Edwin Harris of Brattleboro petitions for divorce from Gertrude Louisa Harris, alleging desertion and asking the care and custody of a minor son. They were married at Jamaica, Sept. 10, 1901, and lived together until Dec. 27, 1910. Mrs. Harris is now a resident of Rutland.

Louise Caine of Brattleboro petitions for divorce from Van Ness Caine. She alleges neglect to provide. They were married in New York Sept. 1, 1899, and separated May 15, 1913.

Pearl M. Jilson of Brattleboro sues for divorce from John J. Jilson, now of Wilmington. She alleges neglect to provide. They were married Aug. 13, 1910, in Canada and separated Dec. 14, 1915.

New Arrivals



Genuine Reed—No Imitation

Quality Furniture Co.
BRATTLEBORO, VT.